Pa. Lesbian/Gay Support Network Minutes, 11/18/78

PL/GSN was convened at about 1:30 pm by Robert Woods, interim chairperson, at 6th & Herr Sts., Hbg. The chairperson ~~then~~ chose himself as recorder.

Before establishing an agenda, the need for an immediate goal for the Network was explored. It was agreed, after some discussion, that at the Network's next meeting there would be a forum for existing and forming gay switchboards, within Pennsylvania, in order for the switchboards to exchange information and advice. PL/GSN members volunteered to contact & encourage switchboards within their area to participate in this forum. The following list of suggested topics of discussion for the forum was gathered:

the herstories of the individual switchboards
the goals of the individual switchboards
the possible creation of an information "kit" for forming switchboards
the funding of individual switchboards
the possible exchange of resource information
the possible improvement of women's resources
the encouragement of the Gay National Education Switchboard

An open agenda of five items was then gathered. But before the agenda had been entirely gathered, it was reported that the Network had recieved the funds The first agenda item concerned the clearing up of any questions regarding the switchboard forum planned for the next meeting.
339 remaining in the treasury of the Philadelphians for Gay Rights because of ~~after~~ its dissolution.

The second agenda item addressed a change in the name of the Pa. Gay Support Network. A motion was duly propossed and passed "that the word Lesbian be included in the name of the PGSN". A second motion was duly propossed and accepted "that the word Lesbian be put before Gay in the name, Pennsylvania Gay Support Network and that a slash divide the two words".

The third agenda item addressed other goals which had been adopted previously by the Network. Concerning the gathering of an up-to-date list of gay organizations and contact people within the state, a member volunteered to try to contact the Pa. Council on Sexual Minorities, because the Council had itself planned to make such a list. And as a proposed topic of discussion at the Network's next meeting, for those not concerned with switchboards, the members present chose to explore the need to establish alternatives to gay bars and public rest-

stops, as the only two widely available meeting places for gay people. It was agreed that the switchboard forum and this alternative discussion should take place before the regular business meeting, and two members volunteered to participate in these respectively discussions and to give a report to the whole group following each meeting.

The forth agenda item concerned the election of interim (3 months) officers. A motion "that the only candidates for interim offices of chairperson, treasurer and recorder, Robert Woods, Al Kester, Jr., and Betty N. respectively, be accepted as office holders through February" was seconded and duly passed.

The fifth agenda item was a report by two members concerning the state convention of PA NOW to which they had attended. It was reported, among other things, that PA NOW had adopted Lesbian/Gay rights as a priority issue, despite the resent setbacks in lesbian/gay civil rights in some cities in the United States, and the overriding concern for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

The Pennsylvania Lesbian/Gay Support Network then adjourned.

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